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1. USAID NOTES RECIPIENT LEVELS CONTAINED REF (B) WERE PRE-LIMINARY ESTIMATES SUBMITTED TO NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS BY CARE AND CRS. WE HAVE REQUESTED SUPPLEMENTAL AER'S FROM BOTH VOLAGS UNDER THE TERMS OF HANDBOOK 9 CHAPTER 7 COVERING EMERGENCY PROJECTS. SUCCEEDING DISCUSSIONS WITH EACH VOLAG INDICATE THAT FINAL REQUEST LEVELS FOR FFW PROGRAMS MAY BE CONSIDERABLY LOWER.

2. THE VOLAGS ARE PREPARING PROGRAM PLANS FOR THEIR PROPOSED FFW ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE OF USE IN COORDINATING LOCAL FFW ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS SUCH AS: (A) EMERGENCY WATER SYSTEM INSTALLATION; (B) RUBBLE REMOVAL AND; (C) REPAIR OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES.

3. MISSION BELIEVES SHORT TERM TDY FROM AID/W/FFP OFFICE TO ARRIVE ASAP WOULD BE USEFUL TO REVIEW VOLAG REQUESTS AND ASSIST IN ANALYZING CONSTRAINTS NOTED REF (A) PARAS 2 AND 3. WE BELIEVE IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION WILL REQUIRE PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN THE WIDE GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD OF PLANNED FFW ACTIVITIES COMPETING REQUIREMENTS OF MOVING RECONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. MELOY.

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